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SUBJ: PRINCE FAHD DESCRIBES EASTERN PROVINCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN
NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW.

1. ON MAY 3, 1974, PRINCE FAHD GRANTED AN INTERVIEW TO AL-YAUM
NEWSPAPER. INTERVIEW APPEARED IN MAY 4 ISSUE OF PAPER.
ADDRESSEES MAY FIND ARTICLE, MOST OF WHICH IS CONTAINED IN PARA
2, OF INTEREST SINCE FAHD ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO EASTERN PROVINCE
DEVELOPMENT.

2. QUOTE: THERE ARE NOW STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGARIAN LANDS AND THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY
AND FOR IMPROVING THEIR PRODUCTION. THERE ARE ALSO STUDIES
UNDERWAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEA PORT AT 'UQAIR AND FOR
CONNECTING THE LATTER WITH THE PAVED ROADS NETWORD, SO THAT THE
BENEFIT WILL BE TWO-FOLD AND THE POCC OF 'UQAIR WOULD BECOME
A MAIN SPRINGBOARD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHOLE OF AL HASA
AREA. THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON IMPLEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF
(LOW INCOME PEOPLES') HOUSING PROJECTS, THE DESIGN AND
CONSTRUHWION OF NEW HORLS AND THE PROVIDING OF SOFT-WATER.
AND THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL THIS IS THE REHABILITATION OF BEDOUS,
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AND THE OTHER PROJECTS MADE FOR THE WELFARE OF EVERY CITIZEN,

PRIMARILY THOSE OF LIMITED INCOME. FOR INSTANCE THERE IS THE PROJECT OF THE POPULAR HOUSING IN GWL THE MAIN CITIES OF THE KINGDOM AND WHICH WILL BE SOLD TO THE CITIZENS AT EASY TERMS. AS TO THE REHABILITATION OF BEDOUS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL SELECT THE MOST APPROPRIATE SITES. IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL NECESSITIES FOR ITS SUBJECTS; SUCH AS HOUSING, ELECTRIC POWER, WATER AND THE PROPER JOB. THERE ARE NOW STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRPORT BASED ON MOST MODERN METHODS IN ALHASA. THAT AIRPORT WILL BE AMONG THE LARGEST IN THE KINGDOM OWING TO THE IMPORTANCE OF AL HASA. THERE IS IN FACT A STUDY NOW BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSITY IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE SO THAT THE PROVINCE'S SONS COULD BE PROVIDED WITH THE NECESSARY POTENTIALS AND TO ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AMONG THE PRIME NECESSITIES. THEN ALSO THERE ARE OTHER TE AND VARIOUS PROJECTS RELATED TO THE EASTERN PROVINCE, THE EXECUTION OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH IN THE BUDGETS OF THE YEARS 1393-94 AND 1394-95 BUT WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE ROUTINE RED TAPE. THEN THERE ARE THE RECREATION AND PARK AREAS WHICH WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN RIYADH TO THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS AND WHICH WILL CONTAIN ALL THE NECESSITIES THAT WOULD MAKE THEM CONVENIENT AND COMFORTABLE FOR BOTH THE GROWN-UPS AND THE CHILDREN AND WHICH WE MAY CALL THEM SPORT TOWNS. WE SHALL ESTABLISH SIMILAR PARKS IN ALL THE TOWNS OF THE KINGDOM. IT USED TO BE SAID THAT OUR COUNTRY IS NOT AN AGRICULTURAL LAND. BUT THE EXPERTS' REPORTS HAD EMPHASIZED THE CONTRARY TO THAT SAYING AND FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (1) THE SOIL IS ARABLE..5) WATER IS AVAILABLE IN QUANTITIES SUFFICIENT ENOUGH FOR FARMING. (3) THE MAIN FACTOR, MONEY IS AVAILABLE. WE ARE NOW CONDUCTING THE NECESSARY STUDIES WHICH WILL PROVIDE US WITH A GOOD IDEA ABOUT OUR COUNTRY. THAT'S BECAUSE A FARMING COUNTRY IS WEALTHY AND THE REHABILITATION IF THE BEDOUS WILL ACHIEVE TWO THINGS: FIRST THEY WILL BECOME FARMERS AND SECONDLY THEY WILL GROW THEIR OWN CLE. END QUOTE. JACKMAN

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